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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Emmanuelle Guillot et al. :
Serial No.: To be assigned : Art Unit: To be assigned
Filed: Herewith : Examiner: To be assigned
For: MEANS FOR QUALITATIVE : Atty Docket: 1029/00196
AND QUANTITATIVE :
ANALYSIS OF MICROBIAL :
POPULATIONS POTENTIALLY :
PRESENT IN A SAMPLE :
9-21-00

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding Claims" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding Claims" and insert